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Commanding Officer Changes for Marine Wing Support Squadron 473

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*"...thanked all in
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ceremony ..."*

Families of MWSS-473,

Colonel Timothy C. Tocwish relinquished command of the Marine Wing Support Squadron 473 to Lieutenant Colonel Christina Murphy during a change of command ceremony at the Parade Field aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, September 12, 2010.

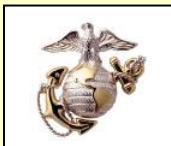
Marines, Sailors and family members gathered to watch the ceremony that included a formation of approximately 140 Marines set against display of flags, with a small breeze of a beautiful California afternoon.

Colonel Tocwish took command in January 2008, while in Iraq.

Colonel Tocwish thanked all in attendance during the ceremony and gave a special thanks to the Marines and Sailors who served under his command.

Lieutenant Colonel Murphy also gave a short speech during the ceremony, thanking friends and family and noting Colonel Tocwish's achievements.

This is Lieutenant Colonel Murphy second time serving with Marine Wing Support Squadron 473. The Ohio-native upon joining the Reserves in 2002, began a long association with MWSS-473. She activated with the Squadron in support of OIF-I as the Support Company Commander. Later became the Squadron Executive Officer and also mobilized and served as the Peace-Time War-Time Support Team Officer-In-Charge throughout the Squadron's mobilization.





SgtMaj Kevany – Sergeant Major

To the Marines, Sailors, and Families of MWSS 473,

Hopefully this newsletter finds everyone well. The last couple of months have been a blur due to the tempo of our training schedule. The Squadron has completed our Annual Training, conducted the Combat Fitness Test, and we are also preparing for the Squadron's Change of Command, where Colonel Tocwish will relinquish command to LtCol Murphy. While preparing for the Change of Command, the Squadron is continuing to press its training schedule with inspection, road marches, "Jane Wayne" days, family days, and a host of other items.

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Our incoming Commanding Officer is already busy with plans and her intent. One of the most important items she will be addressing is the Marine Mentorship Program. Everyone will need to familiarize themselves with this tool. It is an asset to our Marine Corps, and most importantly, it works.

We still have to do a better job of self policing ourselves. Marines in our Squadron are continuing to find themselves in legal trouble due to poor decision making. It is costing them money, causing stress, and reducing our combat effectiveness. Remember, not only are your cont' on page 8

Linda Ragland-Family Readiness Officer

Greetings MWSS-473 Families,

Hope your summer was full of adventures, and you were able to take time off and spend with family.

Volunteer Recruitment in June was a total success, our newest volunteer, Lynne Clarke, mother of Lance Corporal Trevor Clarke, has supported the program by assisting and participating in the Jane Wayne Day. She has also signed up to help during the Family Day in October. I really appreciate her enthusiasm and talent. At Det. (-) two pool parties (one in Jul and the other in Aug) where schedule and both were cancel due to lack of participation. In July, Marines and Families of Det. (-) enjoyed an afternoon at PETCO Park, watching Padres beat the Dodgers. August 7th, Jane Wayne Day, a total of 20 participants, who receive a little stress, given by our own Drill Instructor, (GySgt Gutierrez) who also provided instruction on drill. Instruction on MCMAP/CFT/ given by GySgt Rivera, SSgt Franklin and SSgt Stewart. GySgt Jaramillo showed how to prepare a MRE and escorted them to each area. Sgt Malchow introduces them to the M16, at the Marksmanship simulator. To finish up the day, they visit the Flying Leatherneck Museum, and Sgt Abee, gave instruction on how to hold the water hoes, at the Crash Fire Rescue site. Each received a certificate of completion, and two received special awards, "Motivator Award" and "Espirit De Corps". A great day was had by all.

Warmest Regards,

Linda C. Ragland





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VIST YOUR FAMILY READINESS OFFICER TO;

Update your Mass Communication Tool (MCT)

To find new resources in your area,

To volunteer to assist at an event,

Just to say "Hi!" We are here for You!

Holiday List

Independence Day / July 4th



Labor Day/September 6th

Patriot Day/September 11th

Grandparent's Day/ September 12th

Hispanic Heritage Month Begins/September 15th

Autumn Begins/ September 23rd



CONGRATULATIONS!

Detachment (-) Marines Promotions during the Quaters



ARAUJO	NOE		
HEACOX	NATHAN		
LAU	VICTOR	BALLON	MANUEL
LOPEZ JR	JESUS	CASTILLO	ORLANDO
NEYPES	JOSHUA	CERDENOLA	RYAN
OJEDA JR	DAVID	CHOI	PAUID
VASQUEZ	JOSEPH	DIAZ	GEORGE
VILLALOBOS	CARLOS	HEIDNER	JARON
WALKER	JASON	HUNTLEY II	CHARLES
ABEE	LEXANDER	LUONG	NICHOLAS
ALMARAZ	MANUEL	PATTY	AARON
BLACKARD	JOSEPH	RODRIGUEZMURATALLA	JOSE
FRANK	IAN	SANTOS	ANTHONY
GARCIA	ABELARDO	SEGURA	REYNA
LISHOK	TRAVIS	SUAREZ	JORGE
MARTINEZ	KEVIN	VALENZUELA	EDGAR
RODRIGUEZ	ANTONIO	VASQUEZ	XAVIER
SKALLA	JAYSON	VAZQUEZ	ISIDRO
WELSH	BRANDON		

Transfer of MCGIB

As of 1 August 2009 Marines can transfer their MGB to their dependents. Specifics are contained in this link,
[http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/Post-911 Transferability.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/Post-911%20Transferability.pdf)

MARINE CORPS BALLS COMING

BUY OUR TICKETS NOW!!



Information about your Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

Dear Military Service Member:

There are only 60 days until the November 2nd general election! If you have not requested your absentee ballot for the 2010 general election, do so immediately; it's simple and it's fast. Go to www.FVAP.gov and use our online registration and absentee ballot assistant, and have your forms completed, printed out, and ready to send back home in less than 10 minutes.

Although federal law requires States to begin mailing ballots 45 days before the general election, you still may not get your ballot in time to vote, return it and be counted because of mail delays both to you and for your ballots return home.

Therefore, starting September 1, the Military Postal Service Agency will provide free expedited ballot delivery and ballot tracking to your local election office for military and their family members stationed overseas. Go to your local post office or postal clerk and use the Label 11 - DOD on your absentee ballot and mail it. You will then be able to track the status of your ballot on the U.S. Postal Service website at www.usps.com

If you haven't received your ballot by October 2, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as your back-up ballot! Go to www.FVAP.gov and use our automated assistant to complete the FWAB. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or their party designation; check your State election website for candidate information, which generally is available 45 days before the election. If you receive your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return the State ballot as well. The State will only count your FWAB if your State ballot is not received by the deadline.

Help spread the word - Pass this on to spouses, voting age dependents, other military voters, and overseas voters.

Bob Carey

Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

Exclusive offer for families of deployed Military Members
 From September 1 - October 31, 2010

Send some love
 to a loved one

free:

- sitting fees
- one traditional portrait sheet (additional traditional portrait sheets 3.99 ea.)
- and one portrait sheet shipped to your service member's APO

Must show valid military I.D. at sitting.



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- sitting fees
- one traditional portrait sheet
- and one portrait sheet shipped to your service member's APO

additional traditional portrait sheets **3.99 ea.**
 plus save 40% on collections

Valid from 9/1/10 - 10/31/10. Free sitting fees. Present at time of sitting. Present military I.D. at sitting. Products may vary. Not valid on enhanced portraits, negatives, studio events, media, or online orders. Family Offer: PC1012994. Service Member Offer: PC1012920.

JCPenney Portraits

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Jane

Wayne Day



Ashley Levins "Motivator Award Winner"



First person on your left standing Joyce Levering, second person standing Lynne Clarke, "Esprit De Corps Award Winner"

More Jane Wayne Day



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peers and subordinates watching you, so are your families and the members of your community. Everyone on my block knows I am a Marine. It is further motivation to set the example, lead, and mentor.

In addition to the Change of Command on September 12, Ms Ragland, at the (-), has an awesome family day planned for October's drill. I look forward to spending the day with the Marines at the (-) and their families.

I would like to end by recognizing a few members of our Squadron. Cpl Miller (Det A) has been recognized as NCO of the Quarter for the Group. Additionally, LCpl Eddington has been selected to the rank of Corporal, meritoriously. Congratulations to both of you and thanks for representing our Squadron.

Our Squadron is losing a valuable member due to his retirement. MSgt Frailey (Det B) is retiring after 25 years of service. Since I have been here, he has been a key element of our Squadrons success in planning and completing several evolutions, most notably, during the last two Annual Training evolutions. Always taking each task with a "can do" attitude and a smile. MSgt Frailey, we will miss you and thank you for your reliable support. Semper Fi

SgtMajor

SgtMaj Kevany

FAMILY NEWS



The **American Red Cross** offers confidential services to all military personnel and their families — Active Duty, National Guard and Reserves. Counseling, guidance, information, referrals and other social services are available through our worldwide network of chapters and offices on military installations.

Military-related social services.

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<http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx>



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1-877-874-2273

<http://www.tricare.mil/>

Upcoming Drills



Detachment (-)

Sep 11-12

Oct 16-17 (Family Day 16th)

Nov 13-14 (Marine Corps Ball)

Dec 3-5

Detachment A

Sep 11-12

Oct

Nov

Dec

Detachment B

Sep 24-25

Oct 14-17

Nov 13 (Marine Corps Ball)

Dec 11-12

MARINES, SPOUSES, PARENTS, EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS

If there is something you would like to know more about or see added to the newsletter please don't hesitate to email your Family Readiness Officer at linda.ragland@usmc.mil. Or call 858 577-1726



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